

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of September 29, 2006 sets forth a restriction requirement between claims 1-110. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims were cancelled in favor of claims 111-162 filed in the Preliminary Amendment of August 1, 2006. The restriction requirement is therefore traversed on the grounds that it requires an election between canceled claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

**CONCLUSION**

Early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

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